

called be organized and held on a democratic and free basis.

In a democracy, the people should finally decide the issues that are at the heart of political and social debate. President Yeltsin has made this choice, and I support him fully. I have confidence in the abiding wisdom of the Russian people to make the right decision regarding their own future.

Proclamation 6594—National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week, 1993

September 21, 1993

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

Our Nation's historically Black colleges and universities have long been a beacon of hope, a door to advancement, and a source of pride for African Americans. Founded upon a commitment to equal opportunity and academic excellence, these distinguished institutions have enabled thousands of people to receive a quality education and to pursue distinguished careers in fields such as education, law, medicine, business, the arts, engineering, and the military.

Historically Black colleges and universities once offered African Americans their best, and often only, opportunities for higher education. Fortunately, the courts have now struck down legal barriers that forced the creation of separate schools for African Americans. Yet historically Black colleges and universities continue to play a vital role by adding to the diversity and caliber of the Nation's higher education system. Furthermore, these institutions remind all Americans of our obligation to uphold the principles of justice and equality enshrined in our Constitution.

By an Executive order issued on April 28, 1989, the President's Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities was established to advise the President and the Secretary of Education on strengthening these valued institutions. The Executive order directed Federal agencies to devise ways to increase the ability of historically

Black colleges and universities to participate in Federally funded programs. It also underscored the importance of increasing private sector support for these schools through such devices and activities as matching funds programs, management assistance, technical development, and curriculum planning.

Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, and in recognition of the rich heritage and prominent role in our country of historically Black colleges and universities, and of the many contributions these institutions and their graduates have made to our society, do hereby proclaim the period beginning September 19, 1993, and ending September 25, 1993, as National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week. I call upon all Americans to observe this week with appropriate programs, ceremonies, and activities as an expression of their support for these important educational institutions.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-first day of September, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and eighteenth.

William J. Clinton

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Proclamation 6595—National Farm Safety and Health Week, 1993

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By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

The men and women who toil in America's agricultural sector endure many challenges and hardships in bringing to market their diverse and high quality foods and grains. This dedication to efficient production contrib-

utes significantly to the competitiveness of our Nation. Because we benefit from the bountiful harvests of these farmers and ranchers, it is fitting and appropriate that we observe National Farm Safety and Health Week to promote public awareness of the need for and the importance of agricultural worker health and safety.

For decades, much has been accomplished through initiatives aimed at providing a safer environment for farmers, ranchers, and farm workers. Significant engineering advances have provided guards, shields, and protective equipment, which reduce the hazards and risks associated with agriculture. Educators and concerned organizations have increased knowledge and changed attitudes and behaviors relating to safe work practices in the agricultural sector. However, there is still much to be accomplished.

The arena of agricultural worker health presents many challenges. Long hours, the pressures associated with growing crops and raising livestock, and the vagaries of weather contribute to the creation of stressful situations to both body and mind. For example, agricultural workers have been shown to be particularly susceptible to skin problems, most notably skin cancer, due to exposure to the sun. Prolonged periods of loud noise are contributing to higher than normal levels of permanent hearing loss among farmers and ranchers. Constant exposure to hazardous chemicals may also predispose workers to health problems. While farming and ranching offer their practitioners many great returns, it should be recognized that agricultural professions are among the most dangerous.

The next generation of farmers and ranchers is at special risk. Children are routinely exposed to powerful, complex farm equipment. Some chemicals and some work hazards such as dusts and flowing grain may detrimentally affect the health and safety of children. Their maturity and development must always be considered with regard to agricultural work. During National Farm Safety and Health Week, all of our Nation's citizens should resolve to make health and safety initiatives an integral part of America's great farming traditions.

Now, Therefore, I, William J. Clinton, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim the Week of September 19–25, 1993, as “National Farm Safety and Health Week.” I urge all citizens of our great Nation to make the enhancement of farmer, rancher and farm worker health of utmost priority. I call upon the agencies, organizations and businesses which serve production agriculture to strengthen their commitment to agricultural safety and health programs.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand this twenty-first day of September, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and ninety-three, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and eighteenth.

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Message to the Congress Transmitting the Report of the National Science Foundation September 21, 1993

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with section 3(f) of the National Science Foundation Act of 1950, as amended (42 U.S.C. 1862(f)), I am pleased to send you the annual report of the National Science Foundation for Fiscal Year 1992. This report describes research supported by the Foundation in the mathematical, physical, biological, social, behavioral, and computer sciences; engineering; and education in those fields.

Achievements such as the ones described in this report are the basis for much of our Nation's strength—its economic growth, national security, and the overall well-being of our people.

As we move toward the 21st century, the Foundation will continue its efforts to expand our Nation's research achievements, our pro-